

## **Changes in Registration Requirements for Pharmacy Technician**

Effective January 1, 2004, there will be changes to the licensure requirements for applicants seeking registration as pharmacy technician in California. These changes were made by SB 361 (Figueroa, Chapter 361, Statutes of 2003).

Specifically, changes in Business & Professions Code Section 4202 (a) alter the qualifying methods an applicant must satisfy to become registered. To be issued a technician registration, an applicant must satisfy **one** of the following criteria:

- An Associate degree in pharmacy technology
- Completion of a training course accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
- Any other course that provides a minimum of 240 hours instruction as specified in section 1793.6 (c) of the California Code of Regulations
- Graduation from a school of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)
- Is certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)

**Experience as a pharmacy clerk will no longer qualify an applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician.**

Information on the PTCB examination can be obtained by contacting them directly at (202) 429-7576 or [www.ptcb.org](http://www.ptcb.org). Also, a list of community colleges offering the associate's degree in pharmacy technology may be obtained by visiting the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office website at [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu).